



**REGIONAL AGRICULTURE MASTER PLAN
REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT PROJECT**

**GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 21ST, 2023**

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

Introduction

Milestones

What will we need to change?

Upcoming Key Dates

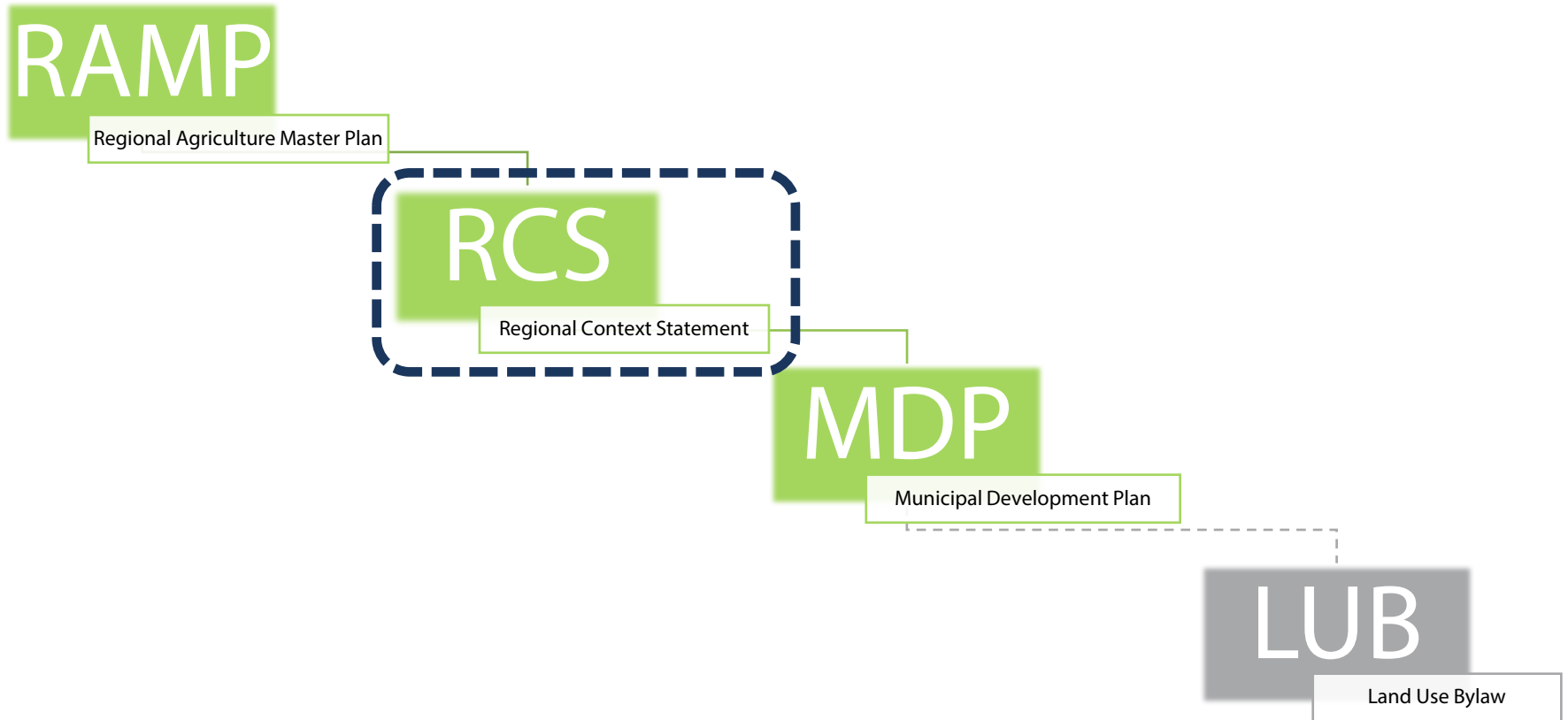
Questions?

INTRODUCTION: WHAT ARE WE ASKING COUNCIL FOR?

Asking Council for a motion to allow Administration to submit the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Regional Context Statement to the EMRB for their information.

INTRODUCTION: WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- Because of the EMRB Regional Agriculture Master Plan



INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS THE RAMP?

- Created by the EMRB to meet the Growth Plan's objectives

- Policy Area Maps
- Policy Definitions
- Policies

- Section 9:

- Requires a Regional Context Statement
- Requires a MDP Update



INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS A REGIONAL CONTEXT STATEMENT?

- Address what we are doing to implement the RAMP within our MDP
- Align our definitions and policies so that the Region is all on the same page
- **NOTE:** Does not mean the EMRB gets to decide how we get there. The County still gets to decide what our policies and regulations look like

INTRODUCTION: RELATIONSHIP TO MDP AND LUB PROJECTS

- **Municipal Development Plan Project: 2023-2025**

- Conveniently happening at the same time RAMP updates are required
- Confirmed with EMRB that including the RAMP updates within the MDP Project is satisfactory
- Goal of EMRB approval in Q4 2024

- **Land Use Bylaw ReDesign: 2023-2025**

- Also happening at the same time
- Working in partnership with MDP Project so that policy and regulation align
- Not an EMRB requirement to update, but good practice to do

MILESTONES

December 20th, 2022

- EMRB approved the RAMP

December 20th, 2023

- Deadline to submit RCS to EMRB

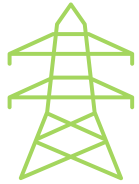
December 20th, 2024

- Deadline for submitting updated MDP

POLICIES AREAS THAT WE NEED TO ALIGN WITH



Policy Area 1: Rural Agriculture



Policy Area 2: Agriculture Co-Exists with Other Land Uses



Policy Area 3: Agriculture In Future Transition Lands



Policy Area 4: Urban Agriculture

POLICIES AREAS THAT WE NEED TO ALIGN WITH

Schedule B

RAMP Agriculture Policy Areas

Legend

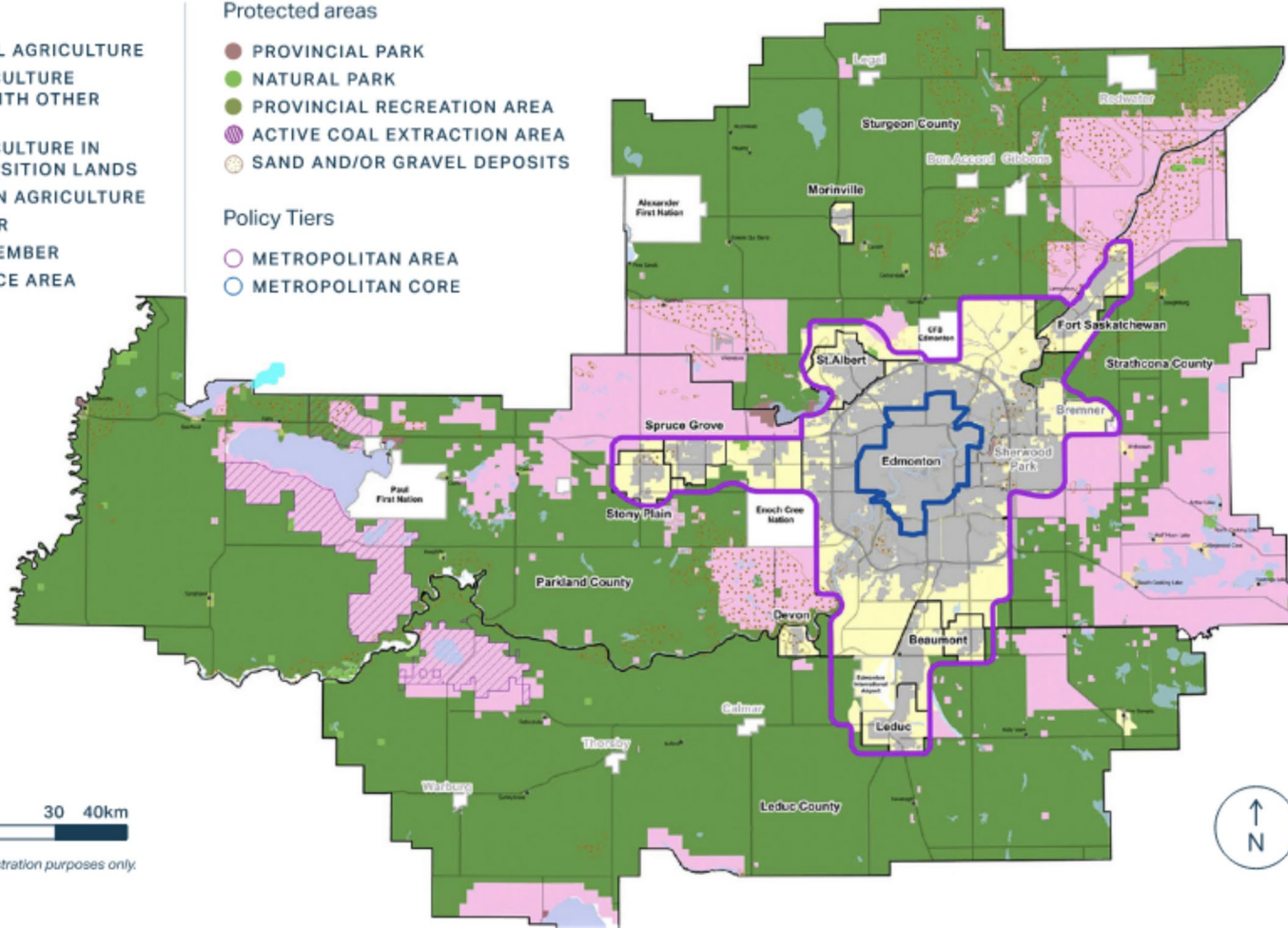
- AREA 1 RURAL AGRICULTURE
- AREA 2 AGRICULTURE CO-EXISTS WITH OTHER LAND USES
- AREA 3 AGRICULTURE IN FUTURE TRANSITION LANDS
- AREA 4 URBAN AGRICULTURE
- EMRB MEMBER
- EMRB NON-MEMBER
- URBAN SERVICE AREA

Protected areas

- PROVINCIAL PARK
- NATURAL PARK
- PROVINCIAL RECREATION AREA
- ACTIVE COAL EXTRACTION AREA
- SAND AND/OR GRAVEL DEPOSITS

Policy Tiers

- METROPOLITAN AREA
- METROPOLITAN CORE



NOTE: This map is for illustration purposes only.

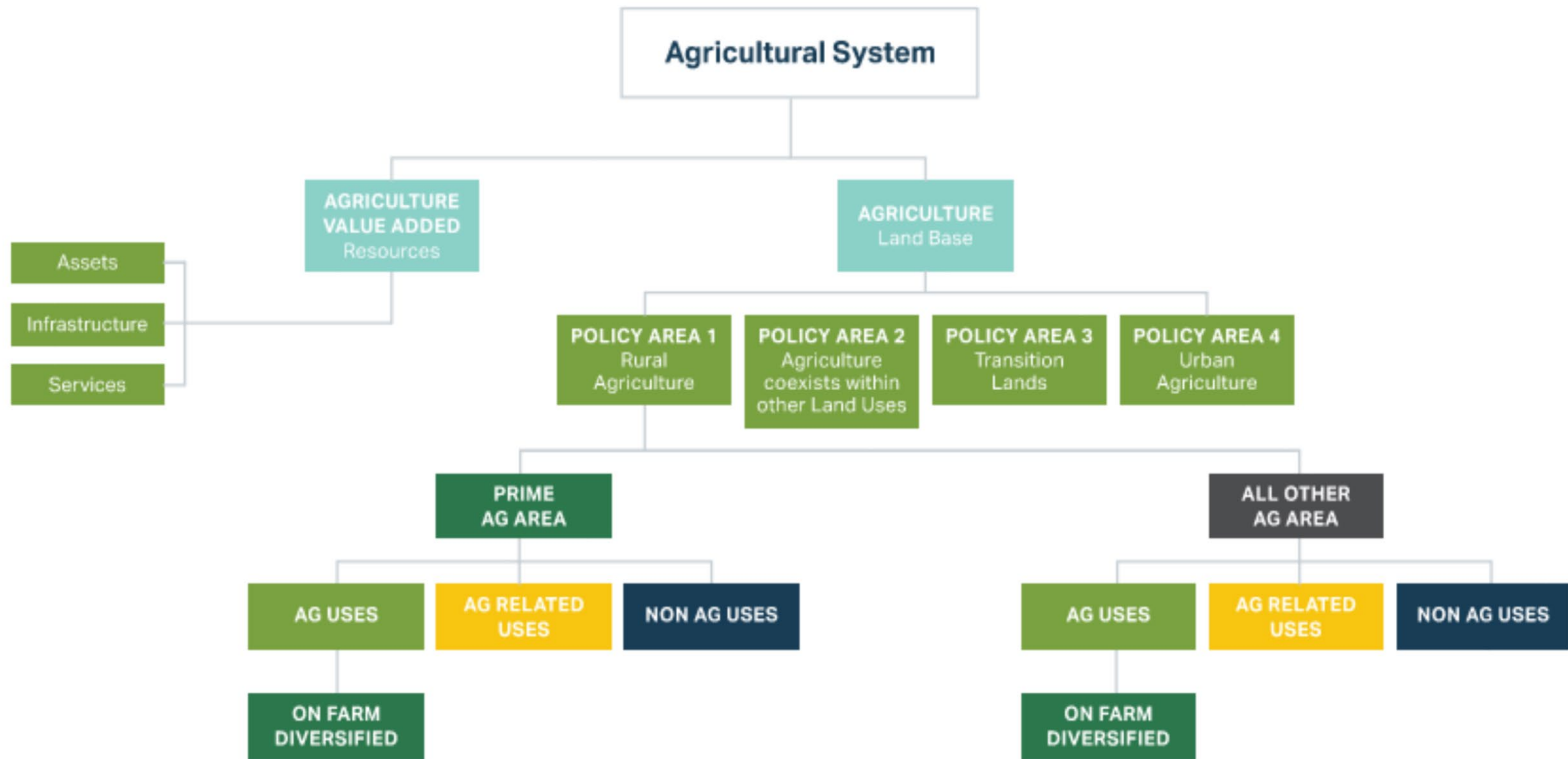


RCS POLICY EXAMPLE

RAMP Policy 4.1.7:	Two or more municipalities that share a prime agricultural area(s) must coordinate the designation of the area to recognize the geographic continuity.
Existing Policy:	None in the MDP, included in Intermunicipal Development Plans.
Action Required?	Yes
MDP Project Response:	The MDP Project will coordinate the alignment of Prime Agricultural Area(s) with neighbouring municipalities.

DEFINITIONS THAT WE NEED TO ALIGN WITH

Chart B
Policy Definition Structure



RCS DEFINITIONS EXAMPLE

Specialty Agricultural Land:	Provides optimum conditions for agricultural production due to unique factors including but not limited to soils, water supply, and climatic conditions. Specialty agriculture land may be located in prime agricultural areas and in all other agricultural areas.
Existing MDP Definition:	No definition in the glossary, but the existing MDP makes reference to specialty agriculture within Section 4.2: Prime Agriculture Areas.
Action Required?	Yes
MDP Project Response:	Include definition that aligns with the definition in the RAMP.

WHAT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE UPDATED MDP?



Mapping



Policy and Definitions

UPCOMING KEY DATES FOR MILESTONE 2

December 12th, 2023

- Presentation to Council with motion to send RCS to EMRB

December 20th, 2023

- Deadline for submitting RCS to EMRB

CONCLUSION



RCS being completed to show EMRB our roadmap to aligning our MDP with the RAMP



County is doing this work efficiently by combining the MDP amendments required with the MDP Project



EMRB setting goals, County gets to decide how to meet them

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Regional Context Statement be received for information, as presented.
2. That Administration be directed to submit the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Regional Context Statement to the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board.

THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?

